

THE Servant's Almanack.



A GENTLEMAN being more precise than ordinary, he happened to have a servant that was a great gamester at cards, infomuch that one of his fellow servants told his master of it; so his master took him to task, and said, He was informed he was a great gamester at cards. Says the servant, Sir, I am so far from being a card-player, that I do not know what a pack of cards mean. No, says the master, pray search him: which they did, and found a pack---What are these, says his master? Why, sir, this is my almanack, which I always carry about me. Pray, says his master, how can this be your almanack? why thus, says his man, there are in these things you call cards four suits, which put me in mind of the four quarters of the year; and there are as many cards as there are weeks in the year, and as many spots as there are days in the year. And is that all the use you make of them, says his master? No, says he, I make more use of them; for when I look upon the king it puts me in mind of the allegiance I owe my sovereign Lord the King; looking upon the queen, it puts me in mind of the allegiance I owe my Queen; the ten puts me in mind of the ten commandments; the nine of the nine muses; the eight of the eight attitudes; the seven of the seven liberal sciences; the six of the six days in the week that we ought to work; the five of the five senses; the four of the four evangelists; the three of the Holy Trinity; the two of the two sacraments; the ace that we ought to worship but one God: Then, says his master, if this be all the use you make of them, I can find no cause to be angry with you: But, says his master, you have quite forgot one card, what is that, sir? why the knave, and what use do you make of him: Oh! that, sir, says he, when I see him puts me in mind of your worship's informer.

(PRICE THREE HALFPENCE.)